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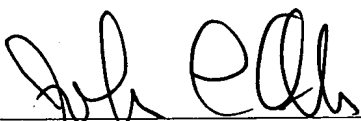
Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), and in accord with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants would like to call the Examiner's attention to the documents cited on the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of the references are attached. These comprise a Japanese Laid-Open application and the corresponding U.S. Patent.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review, and to mark as considered, the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to make said references of record in the present application and to include said references in the "References Cited" section of any patent to issue on the present application.

This submission is timely since an initial office action has not been issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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